answered on 7th May, 1990 on which representations for wrong exclusion from DPCO, 1987, have been received.

(d) On 14.9.1988, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. I.Z. Bhatty Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research to undertake a detailed and comprehensive study of the pattern of Trade Margin in the pharmaceutical Industry. The Committee has submitted its draft Report to the Government in March, 1990.

Emitting of poisonous materials by Mujaffarpur based Factory

1324. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that garder company based in Mujaffarpur in Bihar is mixing such poisonous materials which lead to cancer

(b) whether Government propose to get their composition tested chemically and take suitable action to ban its production; and

(c) whether Government propose to instruct the company to mention composition formula, so that its ingredients and purity may be chemically tested; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (c) The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Price control on Drugs

1325. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nandrolone Decanoate, Nandrolone Ph. Propienate, Desoxycorticosterone Ph. Phosphate; Allylestrenol, Ethinylestradiol, Frogesterone, Ethisterone, Destradiol Benzoate, Menthyl Testosterone and its salts; Ethulestraenol are exempted from price control order, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the price intimated to his Ministry of each by the company;

(c) what is the exclusion criteria on which each of these drugs have been price decontrolled;

(d) whether his Ministry have received representations against wrong exclusion of these drugs;

(e) if so, what is the number of such representations, date on which each representation received and what action has been taken on each; and

(f) what is the stage from which each is produced?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information to the extent available is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) The exclusion of bulk drugs from price control under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is based on the recommendations contained in the main as well as supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee which was accepted by the then Government. A number of representations for wrong exclusion of bulk drugs under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 have been received by the Government and in order to

consider all such representations, Government has constituted a Standing Committee.

(f) The requisite information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the bulk drug	Price as reported by the Company as on 1-6-1989
1	Nandrolone Decanoate	Rs. 190/- per gram
2	Nandrolone Ph. Propionate	Rs. 20/- per gram
3	Desoxycorticosterone Ph. Phosphate	Rs. 50/- per gram
4	Ethinylestradiol IP	Rs. 70/- per gram
5	Mathyl Testosterone	Rs. 15/- per gram
6	Oestradiol Benzoate	Rs. 45/- per gram
7	Testesterone Propionate	Rs. 15/- per gram
8	Testosterone Ph. Proprionate	Rs. 29/- per gram

Action against manufacturers of Dextropropoxyphene

1326. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) the names of the companies whose instances of overcharging of prices of Dextropropoxyphene came to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) what was the price overcharged by each;

(c) when did his Ministry call the details from each and how many reminders have been sent to each;

(d) what steps have been taken to obtain the information asked for;

(e) what is the time limit given in the show cause notice to each; and

(f) what are the reasons that penal action has not been taken so far against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Instances of overcharging of price of Dextropropoxyphene were brought to the notice of the Ministry against M/s. Jagsor Pal and to M/s. Wockhardt.

(b) Details of amounts overcharged would be known after the sale prices of the companies in question are varified.

(c) to (f) Inspite of repeated reminders manufacturers have not furnished the details relevant for the purpose of determining extent of violation. Punitive action against the company under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979/87 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 can only be taken after establishing violation. Fresh notices to both the companies have been issued.